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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 10px;"> MICROFILMED MAR 12 1963 DOC. MICRO. SER. </div> <p>Mrs. OLGA GULBIS stated she had been advised that Subject's father was an active Communist in Latvia in 1919 and was a member of the Communist National Court of Justice, and that Subject was Editor of "Cina", official Communist newspaper in Esslingen, Germany, in 1940; also, that Subject published two Latvian nationalist books, "Raisis Daugava" and "Straumoni", to gain reputation of being a strong Latvian nationalist. Dr. THEODORE STEPRANS presently in Salem, Oregon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RDC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau file 105-10016. Report of SA EUGENE H. STEWART, Detroit, 11/14/47.</p> <p>DETAILS: Mrs. OLGA GULBIS, 89 Silver Lake Road, Staten Island, New York, was interviewed by Special Agent FREDERICK V. RALY and advised that she herself was not personally acquainted with the Subject. However, while in a D.P. camp in Fellback, Germany, she heard from a female dentist, whose name she cannot recall, that the Subject's father was an active Communist in Latvia in 1919 and was a member of the Communist National Court of Justice. Later in 1940 the father was again a member of this Court. This dentist also advised that the Subject was Editor of the newspaper "Cina", official Communist newspaper in Esslingen, Germany, in 1940. According to Mrs. GULBIS the Subject published two Latvian nationalist books, "Raisis Daugava" and "Straumoni". When asked about these books, the dentist replied that the Subject had published these books in order to gain the reputation of being a strong Latvian nationalist, and that he intended to come to the United States to live under this reputation.</p>			
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Mrs. GULBIS further stated that in a conversation with a Mrs. MARTA REWES, Pfaff Str. 5,2, Esslingen, Germany, she remarked to Mrs. REWES that she had just been looking at the book "Strauseni" and that she considered it to be a fine book on Latvia. Mrs. REWES then replied that the publisher, namely the Subject, was not to be trusted, that he was a Communist and had been Editor of the Communist newspaper, "Cina", in 1940, and had published this book to earn himself the reputation of being a loyal Latvian. Mrs. GULBIS could furnish no further background information concerning the Subject and knew nothing about the Subject's present activities. She advised that she will endeavor to obtain the name and address of the dentist referred to above. If and when Mrs. GULBIS furnishes this office the address of the dentist, such information will be forwarded to the Detroit Office.

Confidential Informant ND-365 advised that Dr. THEODORE STEPRANS, a well-known Latvian surgeon, is presently in Salem, Oregon, and it is the informant's belief that Dr. STEPRANS is associated with a neurological or a psychiatric hospital in Salem.

A copy of referenced report, which contains all information to date on this case, is being forwarded to the Portland Office in order that Dr. STEPRANS may be intelligently interviewed.

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One copy of report of SA EUGENE R. STEWART, Detroit, 11/14/47.

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